

**ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL'S DUNDRUM OFFICE AND REMOTELY USING MICROSOFT**  
**TEAMS**

**WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2023**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**In Attendance:** The Chair, Councillor Jim O'Leary presided; Cllr Emma Blain; Cllr. Michael Clark; Cllr. Mary Fayne; Cllr. Lettie McCarthy; Cllr. Senan Sexton; Cllr. Liam Dockery; Cllr. Carrie Smyth;

**Sectoral Representatives present:** Diarmuid McAree; Reji Chacko Jacob

**Apologies:** Dervla King, Elizabeth Clooney.

Officials in attendance: from Infrastructure and Climate Change Department; Paul Kennedy, Director of Services; Martina Kehoe, Senior Executive Officer; Ultan Downes, Senior Executive Scientist, Richard Fitzpatrick, Climate Change Co-Ordinator; Margaret Coles, Climate Action Officer; Joan Deering, Clerical Officer;

➤ Minutes from the Environment and Climate Action SPC held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 were confirmed by Cllr. Lettie McCarthy and adopted by Cllr. Senan Sexton.

There were no Matters arising

**Information submitted by members.**

➤ Question(s) from Reji Chacko Jacob

Could we have a progress update on how many green businesses are operating in the Dun Laoghaire Rath down County Council area?

Are figures available on how many green jobs have been started in the last year?

Can you explain what steps Dun Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council have taken to boost green employment

The reply was **Noted.**

**Information submitted by the Director of Services**

➤ Richard Fitzpatrick, gave a presentation on the Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029.

The Plan was on public consultation from 20<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. Following public consultation a Chief Executive report on submissions is being prepared and will issue to Elected members in early January 2024.

All Local Authorities are required to make and approve their Climate Action Plan by 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.

Following Questions from Committee members the presentation was **Noted.**

➤ Martina Kehoe gave a presentation on the draft Litter Management Plan 2024 – 2026. It was presented to both area Committees in September 2023 and was presented to the Environment and Climate Action SPC in September 2023. The Plan was on online Consultation in October 2023 and shared with all staff and Councillors in October 2023.

Following the Consultation period sixteen submissions were received. A number of revisions were made following the Consultation period.

The draft Litter Management Plan is going to next Council meeting for approval. Martina responded to questions from the Committee members.

Following Questions from Committee members the presentation was **Noted**.

- The Update on the Draft National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy was presented by Martina Kehoe.

The Plan was on public consultation from 3<sup>rd</sup> May until the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and 381 submissions were received. Martina spoke on the submissions, and the high level targets and revisions.

The Plan is to be made collectively by all Chief Executives on agreed date. Launch date early March.

Following a question from Cllr. Smyth regarding the providing a Rediscovery Centre in the County Martina Kehoe responded that she and Paul Kennedy have spoken to the Rediscovery Centre about locating a Centre in Dun Laoghaire.

Cllr. Jim O'Leary enquired about the School Book Initiative and Martina replied that she had talked to the County Librarian regarding the Bring a book, Take a book initiative.

The presentation was **Noted**.

- Ultan Downes, gave a presentation on the Draft Noise Action Plan Update 2024 – 2028. Ultan gave an overview of the NAP process.

Draft Noise Action Plan – LA Review - 20<sup>th</sup> November – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

SEA / AA Screening & Report- December 2023 – January 2024

Public Consultation February – March 2024

Review Submissions and finalise Noise Action Plan – April – June 2024

Final Noise Action Plans – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Following questions from Committee members the Plan was **Noted**.

- Business referred by the Council.- No business
- Business referred by the Corporate Policy Group – No Business
- There was no Correspondence
- There was no business under **Future Work Programme**
- **AOB**

Diarmuid McAree enquired if the PPNs could be invited to Events that involved Nature. Paul Kennedy replied that any events of interest could be looked into.